

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods for rapidly identifying live eggs within a stream of eggs with high accuracy, are provided. A stream of eggs are candled via a candling apparatus and each candled egg is designated as being either live, non-live, or "uncertain". Eggs designated as non-live and uncertain are removed from the stream. Each egg designated as uncertain is "recandled" at a separate station via an additional candling procedure in order to definitively determine if the "uncertain" egg is live or non-live. Uncertain eggs identified as being live via recandling are returned to the egg stream such that the stream contains only live eggs. The uncertain eggs determined to be non-live via recandling are removed and are either discarded or used for other purposes.

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